

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Zare et al.

Title: Bonded Phase Photopolymerized Sol-Gel Column and Associated Methods

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

To date, Applicants have never received the Advisory Action that the PAIR database indicates was mailed on July 19, 2004. Applicants can only assume that the Advisory Action that was recently downloaded from the PAIR database, a copy of which is enclosed, is a true and correct copy of the Advisory Action that was supposedly mailed on July 19, 2004. Applicants respectfully request that a copy of the Advisory Action that was supposedly mailed on July 19, 2004 be mailed again.

Had Applicants received the Advisory Action that was supposedly mailed on July 19, 2004, Applicants would have been afforded an opportunity to respond to the Advisory Action with a request for a one-month extension of time and the associated fee, rather than a request for a two-month extension of time and the greater associated fee, and to thereby forward prosecution in a more timely manner.

Given the present circumstances, a two-month extension of time within which to respond to the Advisory Action is hereby requested, such extension allowing the undersigned until September 1, 2004 to respond.

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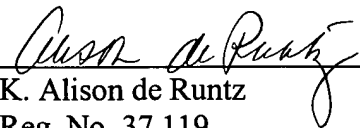
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A check is enclosed that includes the amount of \$420.00, as set forth in the enclosed transmittal letter.

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Respectfully submitted,


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